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Mr. Steven M. Gottlieb
Director of Environment
U. S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation
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RE: Comments on the Final
Environmental Monitoring Plan
Outline (EMPO) for
Geokinetics Seep Ridge Project
ACT/047/002
Uintah County, Utah

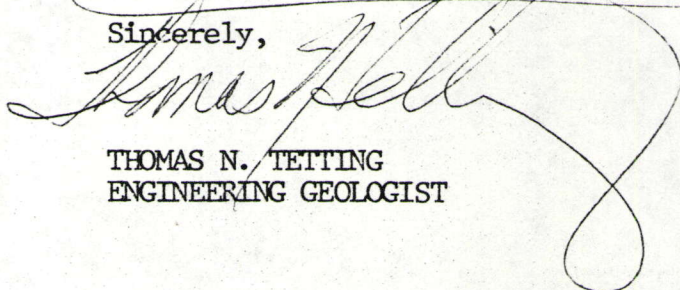
Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed the latest composition for Geokinetics Seep Ridge Project and found it to be a further refinement suitable for preparation of complete understanding of the project. GeoKinetic's methodical approach to addressing individual agency comments on their initial version of the EMPO regardless of duplicity, is a considerate addition. The appendices also provide a good background and current status presentation.

The only comment on omission may be academic; an original comment of the Division (now on page 4) is not fully addressed. Monitoring of the soil microfauna and microflora is neglected. This is an excellent opportunity to ascertain the effects of stripping and relocation on the microbiology and therefore on biogeochemical cycling of nutrients. Perhaps the company might enlist the aid of a University for this study?

The overall upgrading of the EMPO has been excellent and should serve well to facilitate permitting with the Division when that stage of the project development is reached. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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